

MARCHAM/FRILFORD DIG NEWS 2005

This July will be the fifth season for the dig in Trendles field, next to the former Noah's Ark pub – just off the A338 before it crosses the Ock on the road to Wantage. The Vale and Ridgeway Trust is working in partnership with the University of Oxford to explore a fascinating Romano-British site, connected to a temple on a closed scheduled site on private land nearby. The main focus for this year's dig continues to be to uncover and explain the structure which may have been an amphitheatre – a stone-walled circle, 45m in diameter. But there are other areas on the site to explore, between the circular structure and the temple enclosure. For more details of what has happened in previous years see Coral Rag vols 2 – 5, on sale at Marcham P.O.

Many local people will have visited the dig in previous years, and this year as before the public are welcome to visit (archeologists are at work every day except Saturdays for the 4 weeks from Sunday 3rd July) – but the best day to visit will be **NATIONAL**

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY - SUNDAY 24TH JULY when there will be guided tours and other attractions. You will also have a chance to see the dig on **TIME TEAM** live broadcasts on **THURSDAY 7TH** and **SATURDAY 9TH JULY** – we are one of nine sites that will be featured on the Channel 4 programme. (For more information do a Google search for Big Roman Dig: there is an opportunity to volunteer to dig!). We are delighted to announce that we have just heard that The Vale and Ridgeway Trust has been awarded a Local Heritage Initiative grant for a new initiative 'The Trendles Project: Exploring Marcham's Past'. This grant is to help us investigate and promote the heritage of the Trendles site, in particular by involving the local community in participating in the dig in 2005 and 2006: we will be able to produce much more written and visual information, give more lectures and workshops, visit more schools, and support the excavation of a 'People's Trench' to give hands-on archaeological experience to local people.



Excavation of the shops *tabernae*

This year we can operate the **People's Trench** for six days from Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd July and are now looking for volunteers: you will receive some basic training and be fully supervised! We need a minimum commitment of 2 days. Please note that anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information please contact Janey Cumber on 01865-391327/391840.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY WHIST?

Then why not come to the Abingdon Hospital League of Friends whist drive on the first Friday of each month, starting at 7 pm in the Day Hospital. Friendly company, good prizes and refreshments provided. All profits go to the hospital, so you can enjoy yourself and support a very good cause at the same time.

BOREDOM BUSTER ROADSHOWS

A mobile Sports Scheme that provides activities for children aged between 5-12 years at different venues across the district.

The activities which include athletics, basketball, kwik cricket, tennis, unihoc, tag rugby, relay games and much more, are all offered in a safe and fun environment.

Friday 26 August Marcham, Anson Field

The session times are as follows

All Day: 10am - 3pm

(Please bring a packed lunch - *no nuts*)

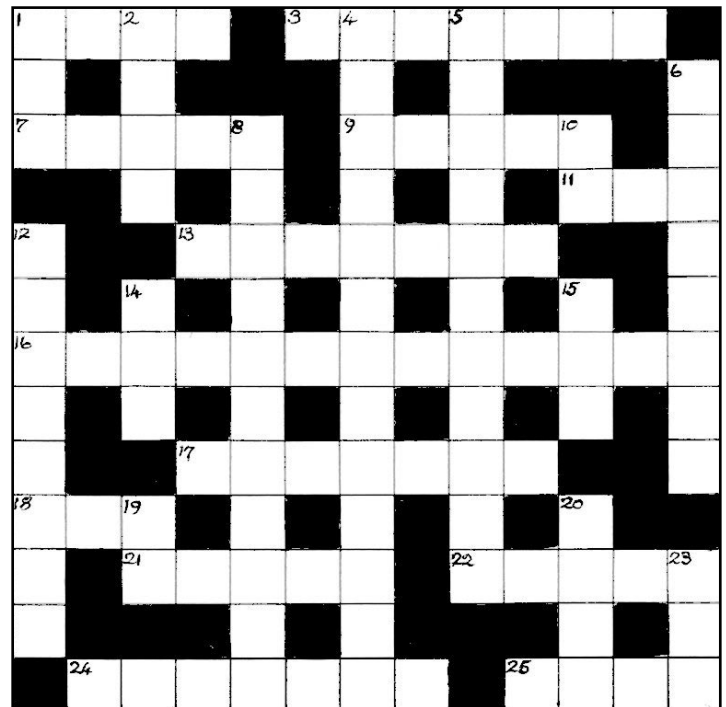
Morning Session: 10am - 12.15pm

Afternoon Session: 12.45 - 3pm

Costs £12.00 per day or £6.50 for half day session.

Ring and Reserve call 01235 547646 to reserve a place on any of the courses. Once a place has been reserved you will have three working days to send in your booking form and payment.

SUMMER CROSSWORD BY ALISA



ACROSS

- 1 Biblical character (4)
- 3 Biblical character (7)
- 7 Deputy doctor (5)
- 9 Weapon (5)
- 11 Biblical character (3)
- 13 Slowing down (7)
- 16 Wine producer (5,8)
- 17 Violinist (7)
- 18 Meadow (3)
- 21 Crack (5)
- 22 Animal (5)
- 24 Dawn (7)
- 25 Mill on Childrey Brook (4)

DOWN

- 1 Everybody (3)
- 2 Engrave (4)
- 4 Oxford district (9,4)
- 5 Plan (11)
- 6 Oxfordshire town (8)
- 8 Cothill pub (5,6)
- 10 Us (2)
- 12 Protective device (8)
- 14 Dined (3)
- 15 Uncooked (3)
- 19 When (2)
- 20 Giant (4)
- 23 Manage (3)